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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Vitus Maria HUBER, et al.

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Title: ORTHOPAEDIC DEVICE FOR
CORRECTING ABNORMAL
POSITIONS OF THE TOES

Customer No. 42419

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Group No. 3771

Examiner: Adam Curtis Brandt

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 21 March 2007, Applicants respectfully elect Species II, drawn to figure 2 (no sock), and Sub Species I, drawn to figures 3-11 (hinge #1). Claims 1, 3-5, 13, 15, 17, 20-31, 34-46, and 48-51 are included in the elected invention. This election is made without traverse. Applicants understand that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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